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Joyce, You are actually trying to find a simple solution to recycling, and it is a good idea that we on the Environment Committee should tackle. To start with, there is no simple solution—it varies according to location (the markets available) the service contractor and his costs (some materials are too expensive to collect because they are inconvenient or there is no convenient market).

Many items that are recyclable in some areas are not recyclable in others because they are not profitable—in fact can be a cost to the contractor—why?—because many people will not follow directions (often right on the collection container) and mix the good with the bad that must eventually be separated. The attached pamphlet from Waste Management illustrates the complexity—and confusion, and their effort to simplify the decision by listing what not to recycle .

We have three different recycle and collection conditions in La Posada, all are different. 1. Garden Home collections, 2. La Perla and La Vista collections other than paper, and 3, paper products only for the Lions Recycle collections.



Referring to the attachments, note that plastic bags are not collected or wanted by any recycling service in LaPosada or Tucson. Also note that the unacceptable items list is as long as the acceptable. This can be confusing to some, because it does not correspond with directions at their former location. Such lists vary depending upon and the collecting service contractor and his markets and the dependability of those who are doing their personal recycling.

The goal of our committee is to make the directions for residents logical and easy to follow, and to decide which materials should be disposed of in the trash. We have attempted to accomplish this by the rather detailed directions in the Residents Manual, pages 64 thru 67. We would like to consider any changes you might suggest to improve the directions in these pages. I doubt if it would be beneficial to print lists of non-recyclables in the Resort Report which would have to accompany the lists of recyclables so residents could be sure of what not to contribute. Lets take a little time to talk about this and explore ideas. Our chairman, Frank Felkner would be very interested. Bob V.

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ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

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- Newspapers
- Brown Paper Bags
- Corrugated Cardboard
Remove plastic wrappers and flatten
- Paperboard
Like Cereal and Shoe Boxes, remove plastic liners
- Milk Cartons and Drink Boxes
- Molded Fiberboard
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Phone books
- Printing and Writing Paper
- Mail
Envelope windows and labels are OK, remove other non-paper items
- Other Paper
Pamphlets, brochures, file folders, card stock, etc.
-  Plastic (PETE) Bottles
Soda, water, etc.,
No trays or baskets
-  Plastic (HDPE) Bottles and Jugs
Milk, water, juice, liquid detergent, shampoo, etc.
No hazardous material containers*
- No Other Plastics
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel / Tin Cans
Non-hazardous aerosol cans are OK. Please no other steel
- Glass Food and Beverage Bottles and Jars
No other glass

*Hazardous materials include pesticides, herbicides, automotive fluids, pool chemicals, etc.

UNACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES

- Plastic bags or plastic film packaging
- Any tubes, pails or buckets
- Food Waste
- Food service items, such as cups or plates
- Napkins, paper towels
- Aluminum foil or pie plates
- Tissue or gift wrap
- Pet food bags
- Newspapers in plastic bags or wrapped in twine
- Yard trimmings, dirt
- Blankets, towels, pillows
- Kitchen utensils
- Appliances
- Furniture, draperies
- Toys, piñatas
- "Styrofoam"
- Packing peanuts
- Auto parts
- Electronics
- Light bulbs, window glass or ceramics
- Clothing or shoes
- Diapers
- Tarps, hoses
- Construction materials: lumber, drywall, etc.
- Books, photographic paper, tapes, CD's
- Medical Supplies
syringes, lancets or other sharp objects

